

COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

5th of August 1932.
Friday, the _____
21st of Karkadagam 1107.

The House met at half-past eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. C. N. Ittiravi Nambudiri, S. S. Koder, K. T. Mathew and P. I. Varugis were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Irregularities in payment of salaries to teachers of aided schools.

76. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the names of teachers of aided schools who have complained regarding non-payment of their full salaries or long delay of payment during 1107 and how the matter was disposed of?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—A statement containing the necessary particulars is appended. (*Appendix I*).

Cost of the Maharaja's College Extension Scheme.

77. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have prepared a full cost report of the Maharaja's College Extension Scheme as approved by the Madras University;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, what the total cost comes under

(i) Land acquisition;

(ii) Buildings;

(iii) Equipments;

(c) if the answer is in the negative, what are the reasons for not preparing it?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) Rs. 3,37,000 approximately.

(ii) Rs. 10,09,000 approximately.

(iii) The total cost of equipments may come to nearly one lakh and of the gas plant, etc., to Rs. 50,000.

(c) No answer is necessary in view of the above.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does the cost estimated here take in the cost of shifting the Water Works to a different place, this Rs. 10 and odd lakhs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Does that also take in the cost of making additional accommodation in the Lower Secondary School for the High School classes?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes.

Shifting of public offices to Ramavarmapuram.

78. Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether it is a fact that they are contemplating, or have decided, to shift some of the public offices to Ramavarmapuram;

(b) if so, which are they and what are the reasons for the shifting;

(c) what will be the cost of shifting and making alterations for the existing buildings?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) (1) Office of the Registrar of Village Panchayats.

(2) Do Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

(3) Do Protector of the Depressed Classes.

(4) Do Secretary to the Board of Examiners.

(5) Do Comptroller of Accounts.

(6) Do Conservator of Forests.

(7) Do Anchal Superintendent

} Not finally settled.

There is a great demand for new offices and extensions for the existing office buildings. If some of the offices especially from the towns are shifted as proposed, these requirements could be satisfied to a great extent.

(c) The cost of making alterations to suit the convenience of the first four offices is estimated at Rs. 2,800.

Proposals for the rest are not yet ready but a tentative provision of Rs. 3,000 has been made in 1108 budget for shifting the other three offices also.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Has the Government considered the inconvenience that will be caused to the public by shifting these offices to Ramavarmapuram, a distance of three miles from the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Yes, that aspect of the question was considered.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar.—Was the public opinion ascertained in the matter of shifting?